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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2006 and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 21, 2006, said period having been extended in accordance with the accompanying request for extension of time so as to expire on November 21, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.